



Alexandria Mobility Plan Advisory Committee

May 2021 Meeting



Agenda

- Electronic Meeting Notice
- January Draft Meeting Summary
- Public Comment
- Planning Process Recap and Next Steps
- Draft Plan Release & Feedback Summary/Discussion
- Next Steps

Electronic Meeting Notice

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, this meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Sections 4-0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All of the members of the Commission and staff are participating from remote locations through Zoom.

January Meeting Minutes

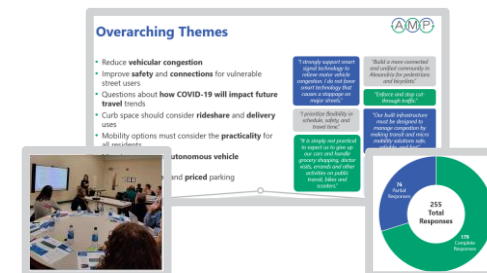


- Motion to approve



Planning Process Recap & Next Steps

AMP Outreach To Date



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Next Steps

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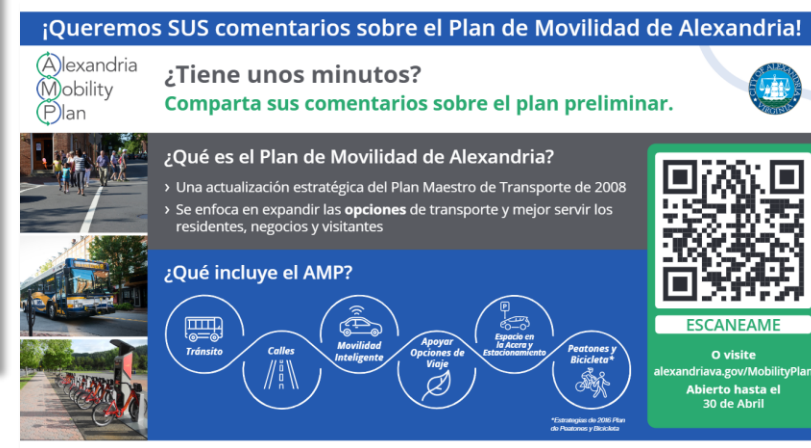
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Draft Plan Release and Feedback Summary

Draft Plan Release – Outreach Efforts

- **City eNews** and **email blasts**
- Weekly **social media posts** on City and T&ES platforms
- **Posters on DASH buses** and via **Peachjar campaign** (English and Spanish)
- CDC compliant, low-touch in-person **pop-up events**
- Meetings with **boards and commissions**
- Hearing at **Transportation Commission**
- **Feedback form** in English and Spanish (545 respondents)



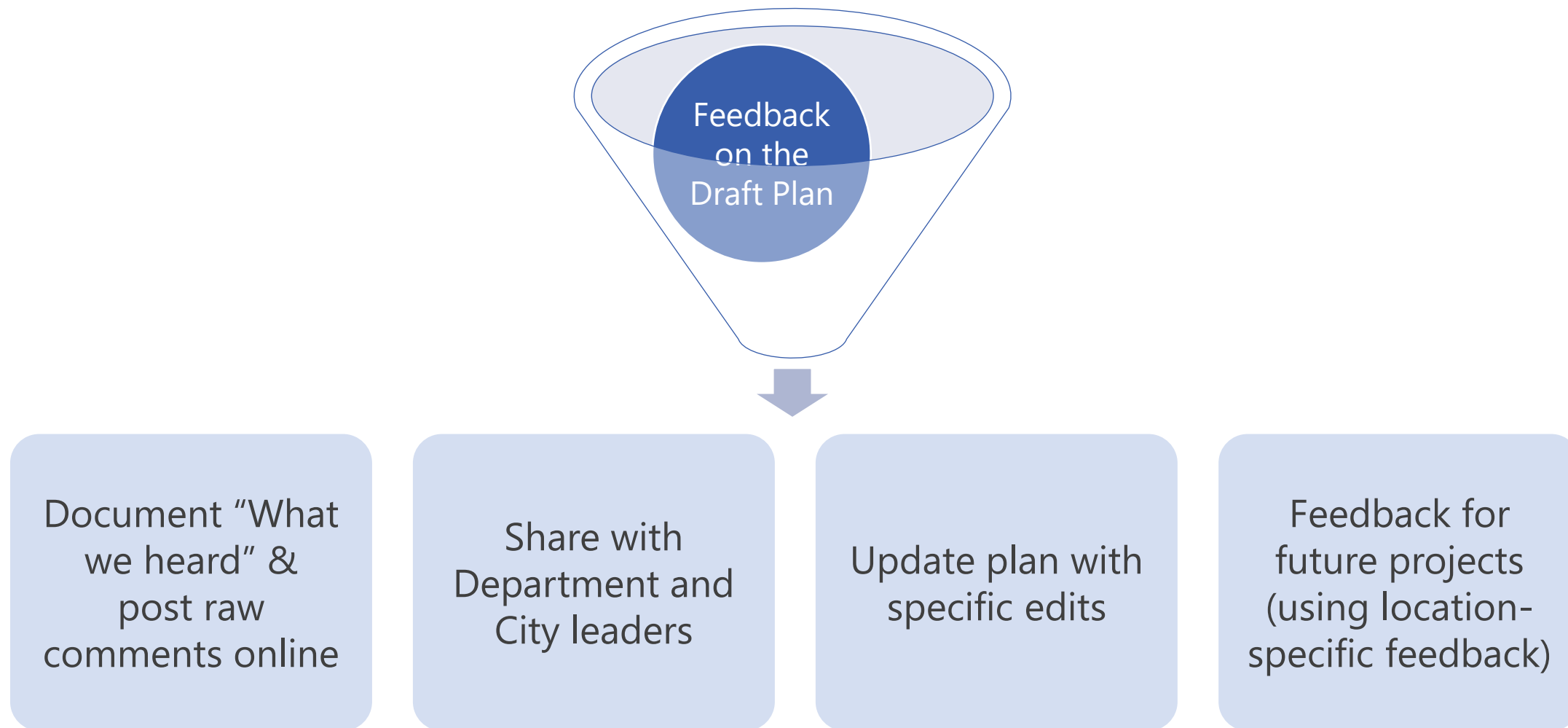
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Bilingual Pop-Up Events

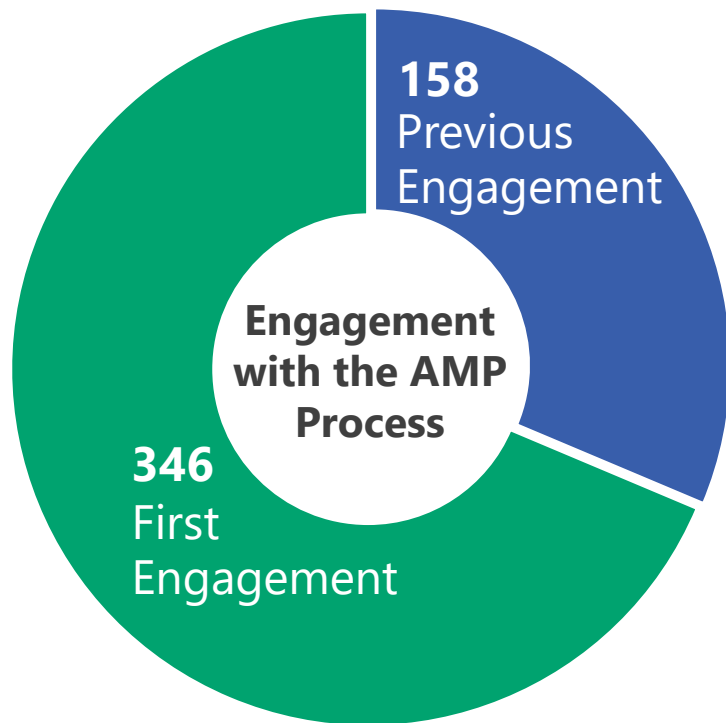
- **Global Foods:** April 17th – 411 flyers distributed
- **West End Farmers Market:** April 25th – 112 flyers distributed
- **Southern Towers:** April 29th – 138 flyers distributed
- **Potomac Yard Vaccine event:** April 28th – 712 flyers distributed



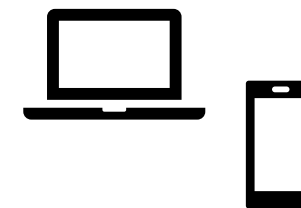
How Plan Feedback will be Used



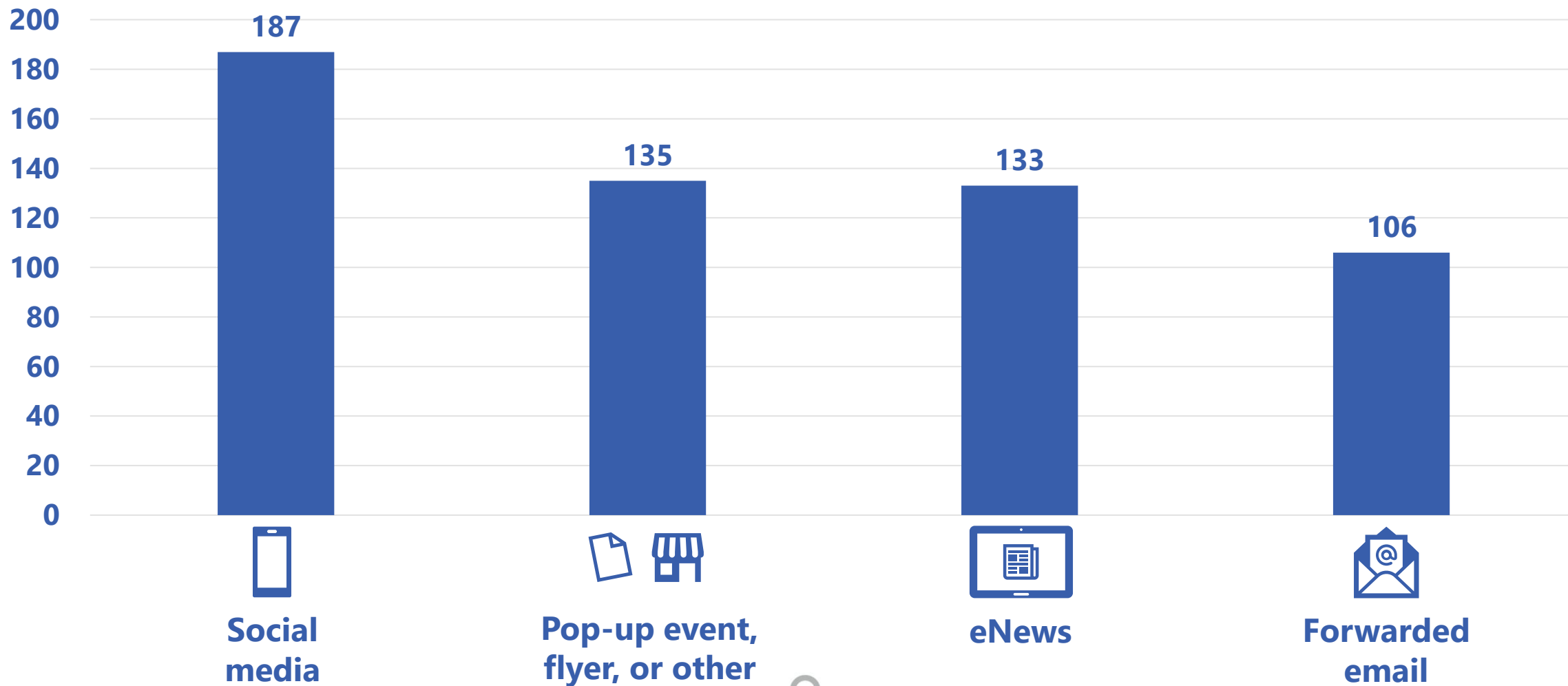
Feedback Form Quick Facts



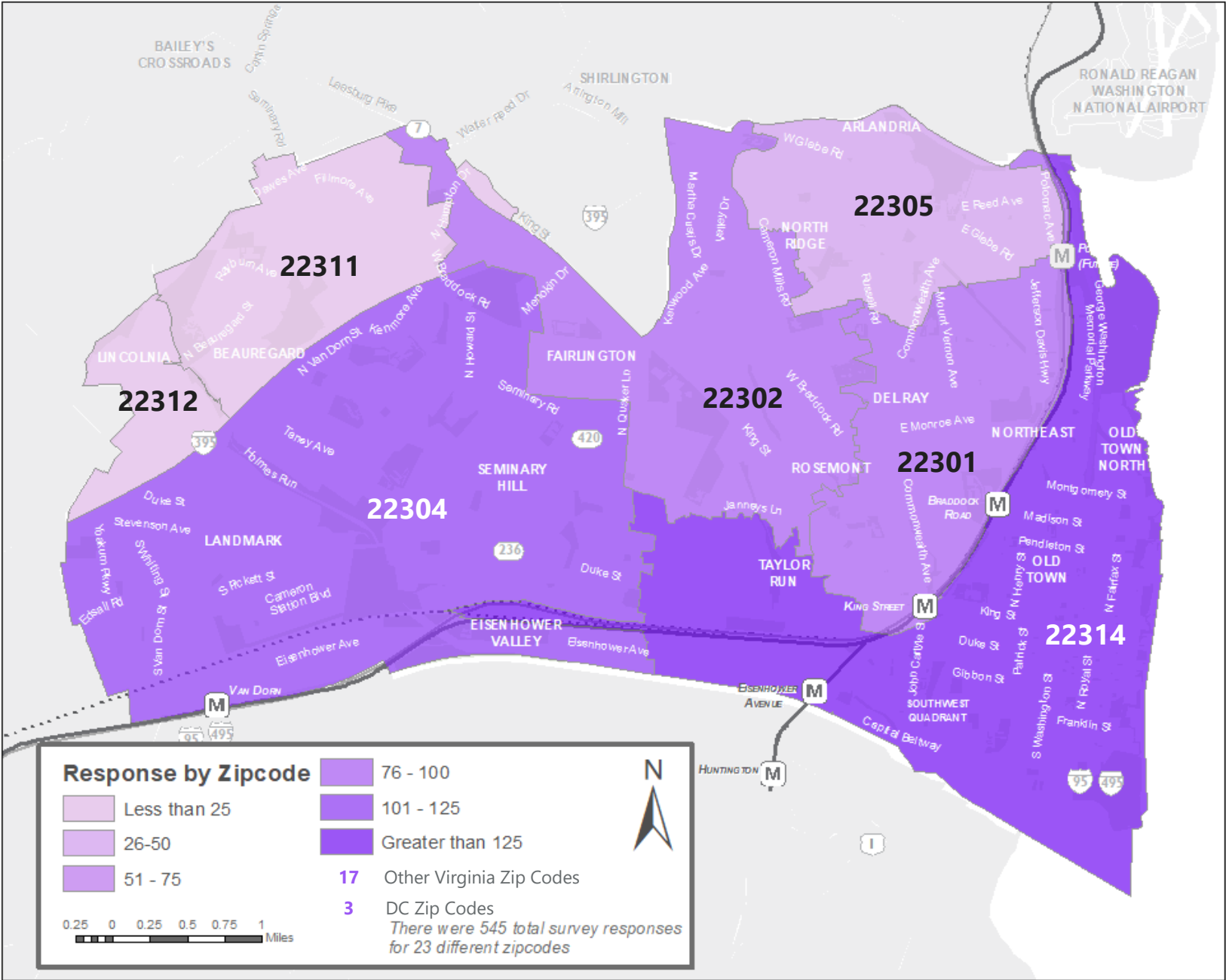
- The feedback form was open between **March 31, 2021** and **May 2, 2021**
- The feedback form was available on both mobile and computer platforms
- **545** respondents completed the feedback form



How did you hear about AMP?

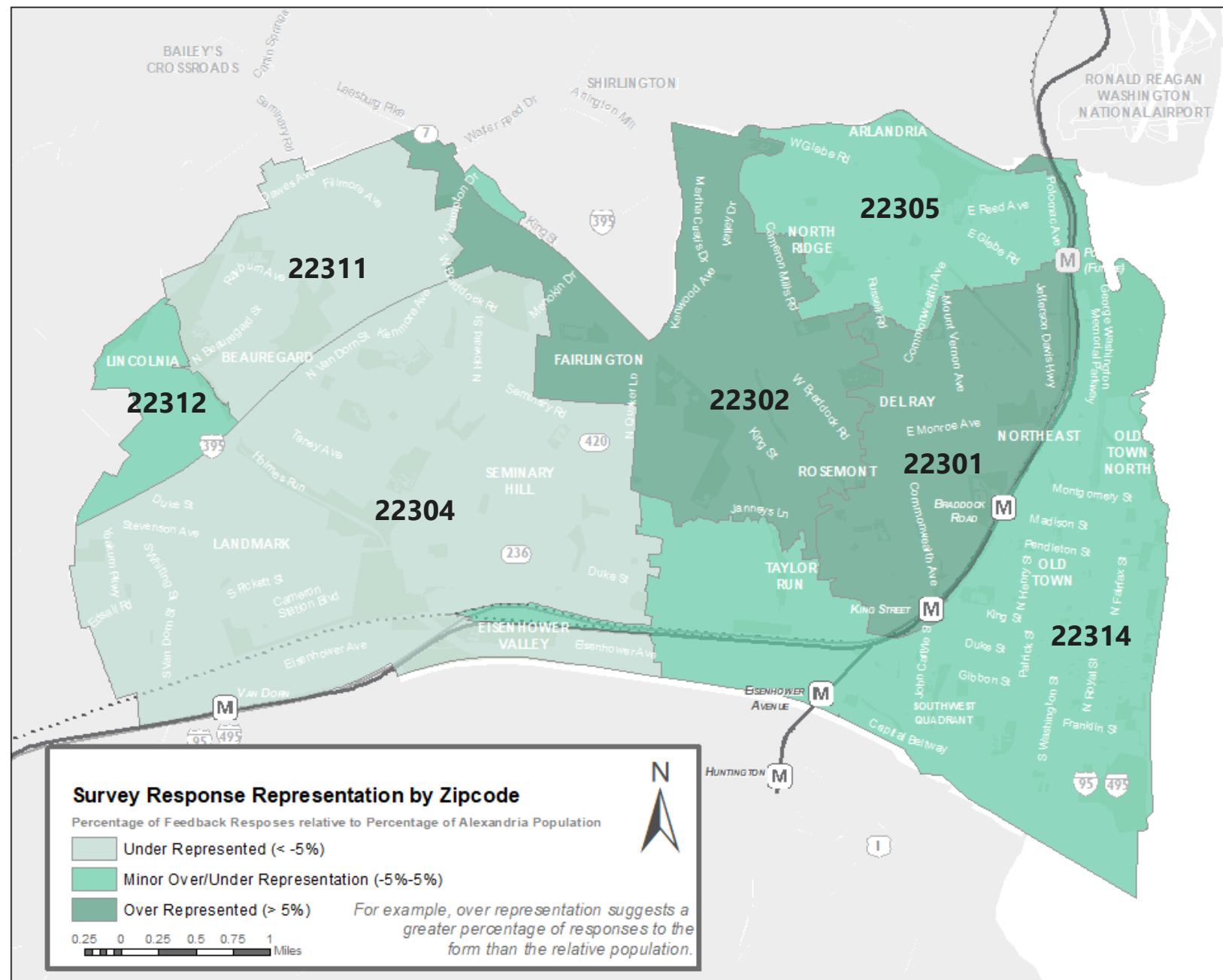


Responses by Zip Code

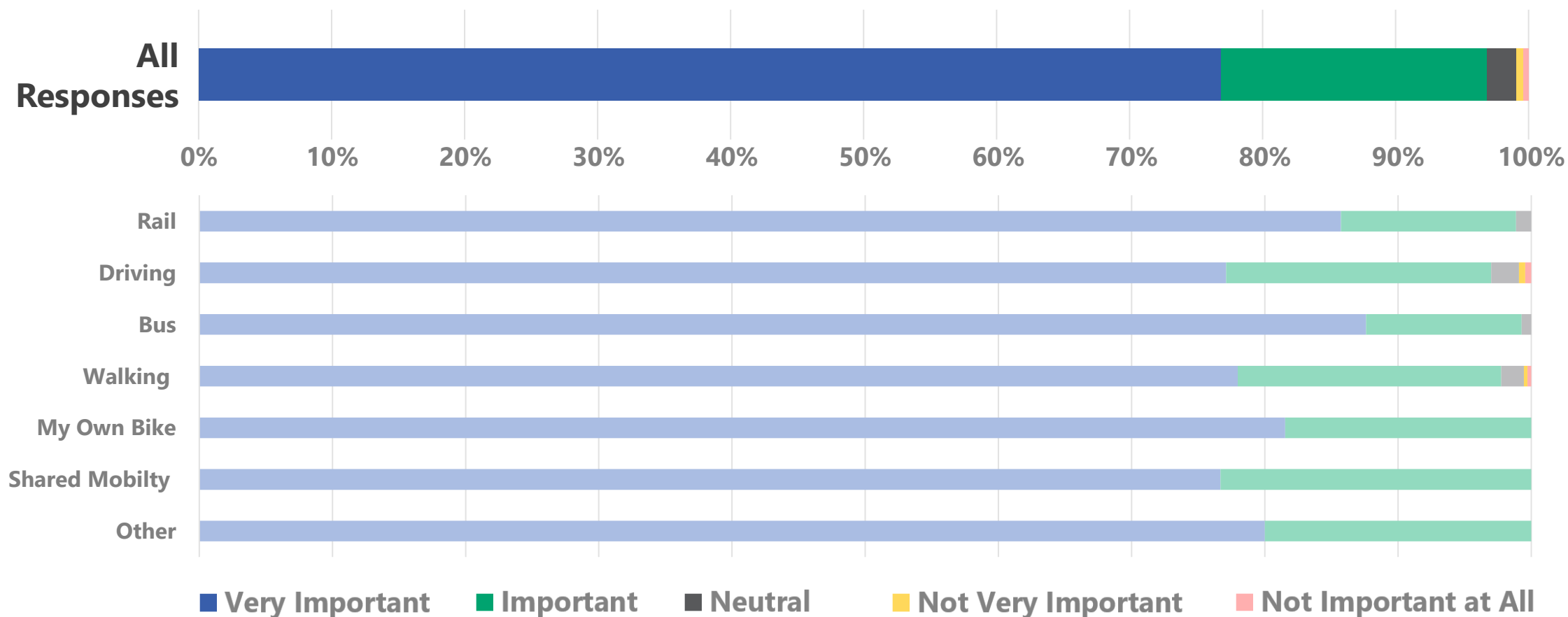


Representation by Zip Code

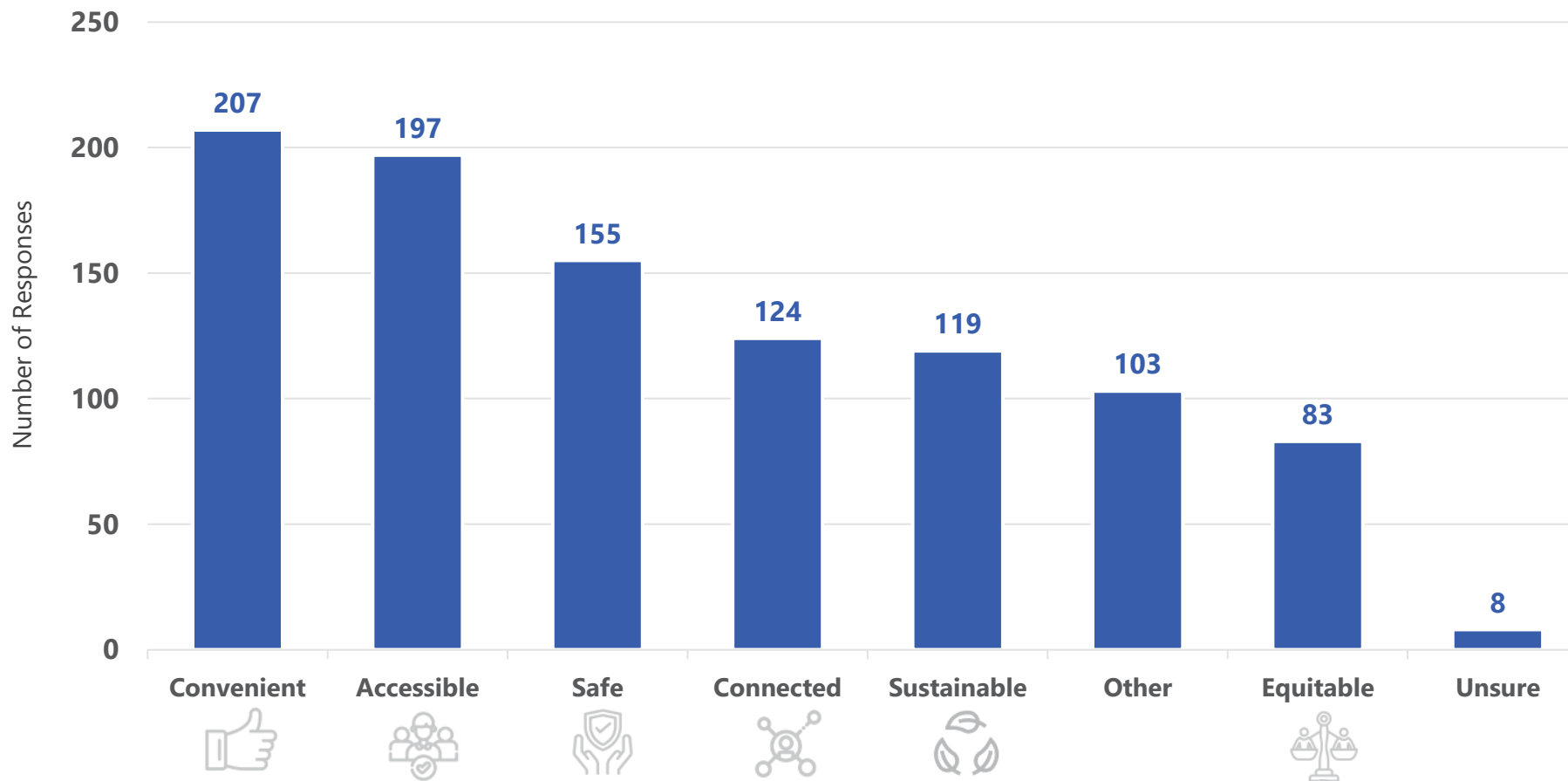
Zip Code	Population	Feedback Received	Delta
22301	9%	15%	6%
22302	11%	18%	7%
22304	30%	22%	-8%
22305	9%	8%	-1%
22311	10%	2%	-8%
22312	4%	1%	-3%
22314	27%	28%	1%



How important do you think transportation is to quality of life in Alexandria?



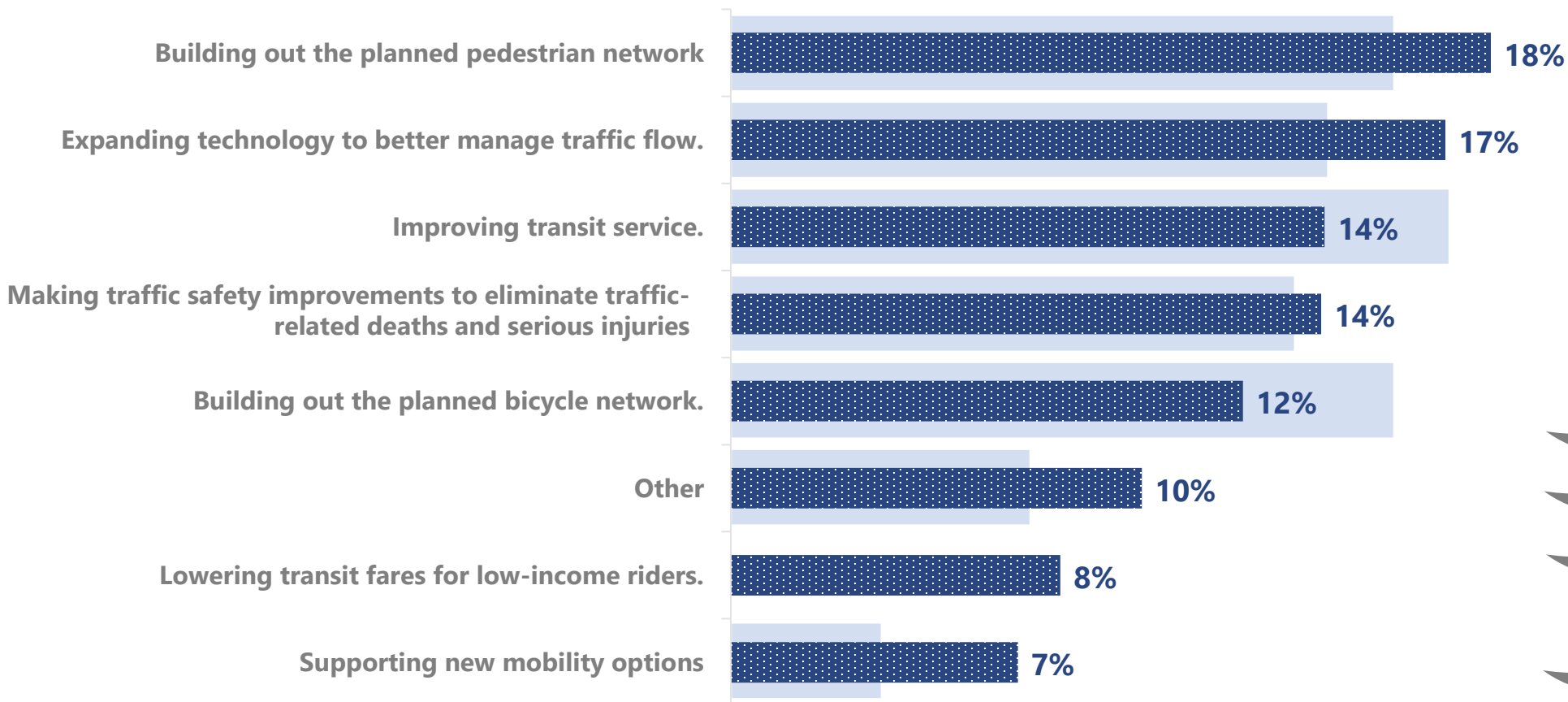
Each policy or strategy seeks to achieve one or more of ACCESS outcomes for Alexandria. Which of these are most important to you? (Select up to 2)



All AMP guiding principles received support through the feedback form, with **Convenient and Accessible** most frequently ranked as “most important.”

What would you like to see completed first?

(Select up to 3)



Fall Engagement Feedback

Spring Engagement Feedback

**Prompts for both forms are not synonymous. Fall Data shown where applicable.*

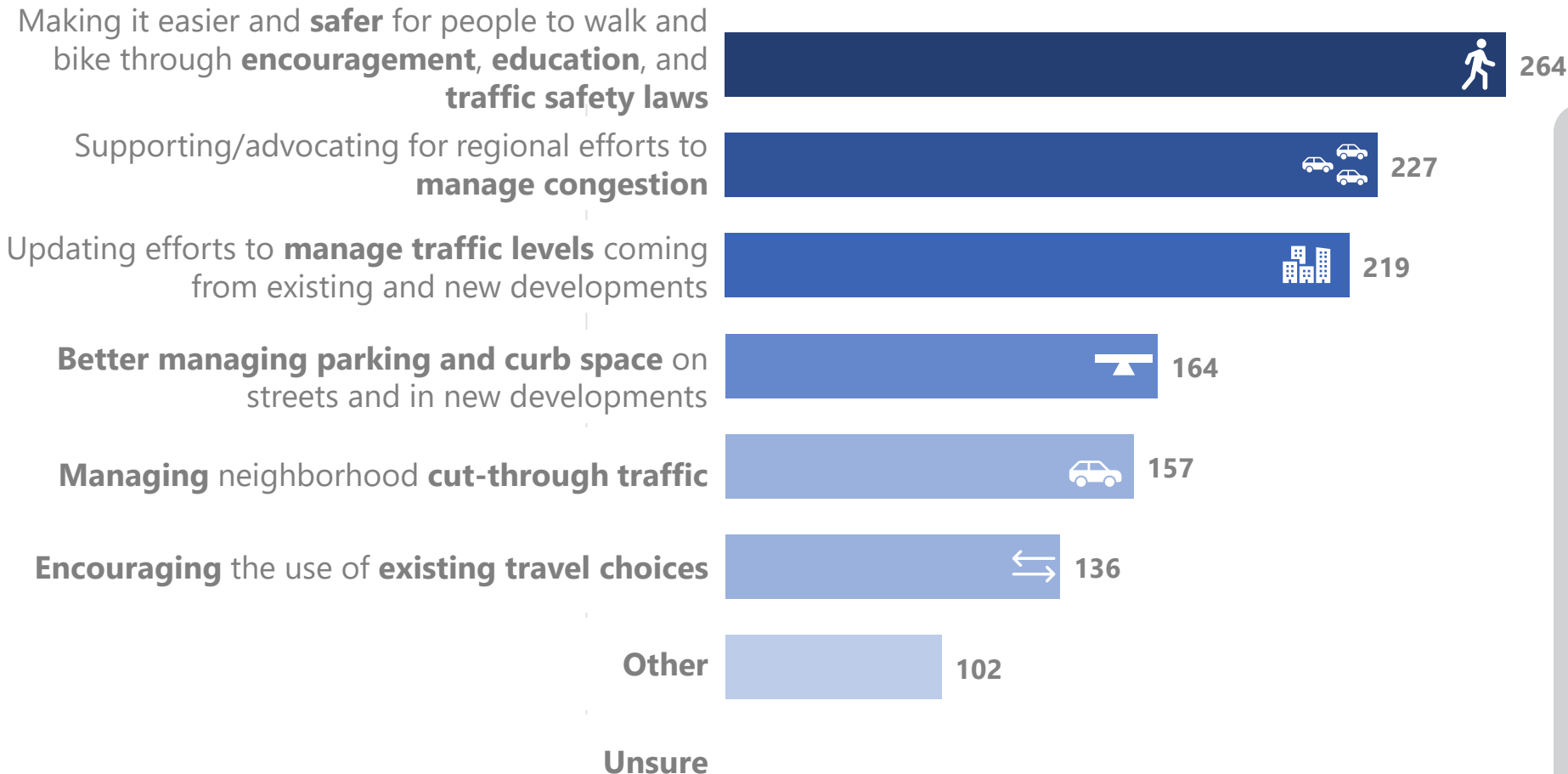
"Other" suggestions include:

- ➔ Making **driving** more efficient
- ➔ Alleviating **congestion**
- ➔ Requesting to **not remove travel lanes** for bike or bus priority lanes
- ➔ **Pedestrian improvements**
- ➔ More **multimodal choices**



Which of the following are most important to you?

(Select up to 3)

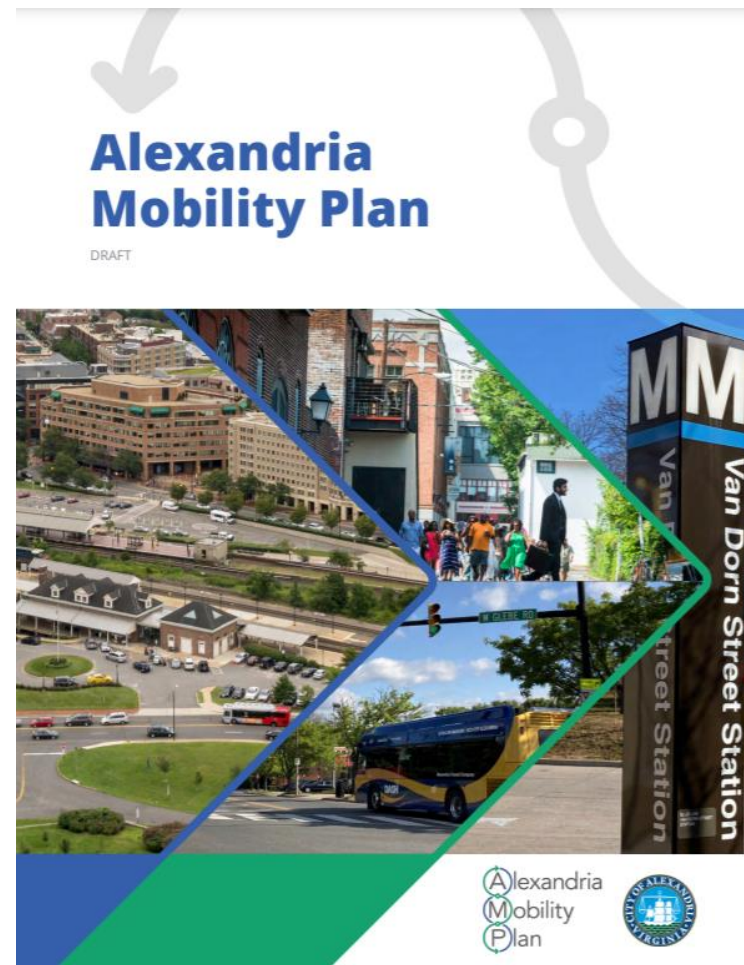
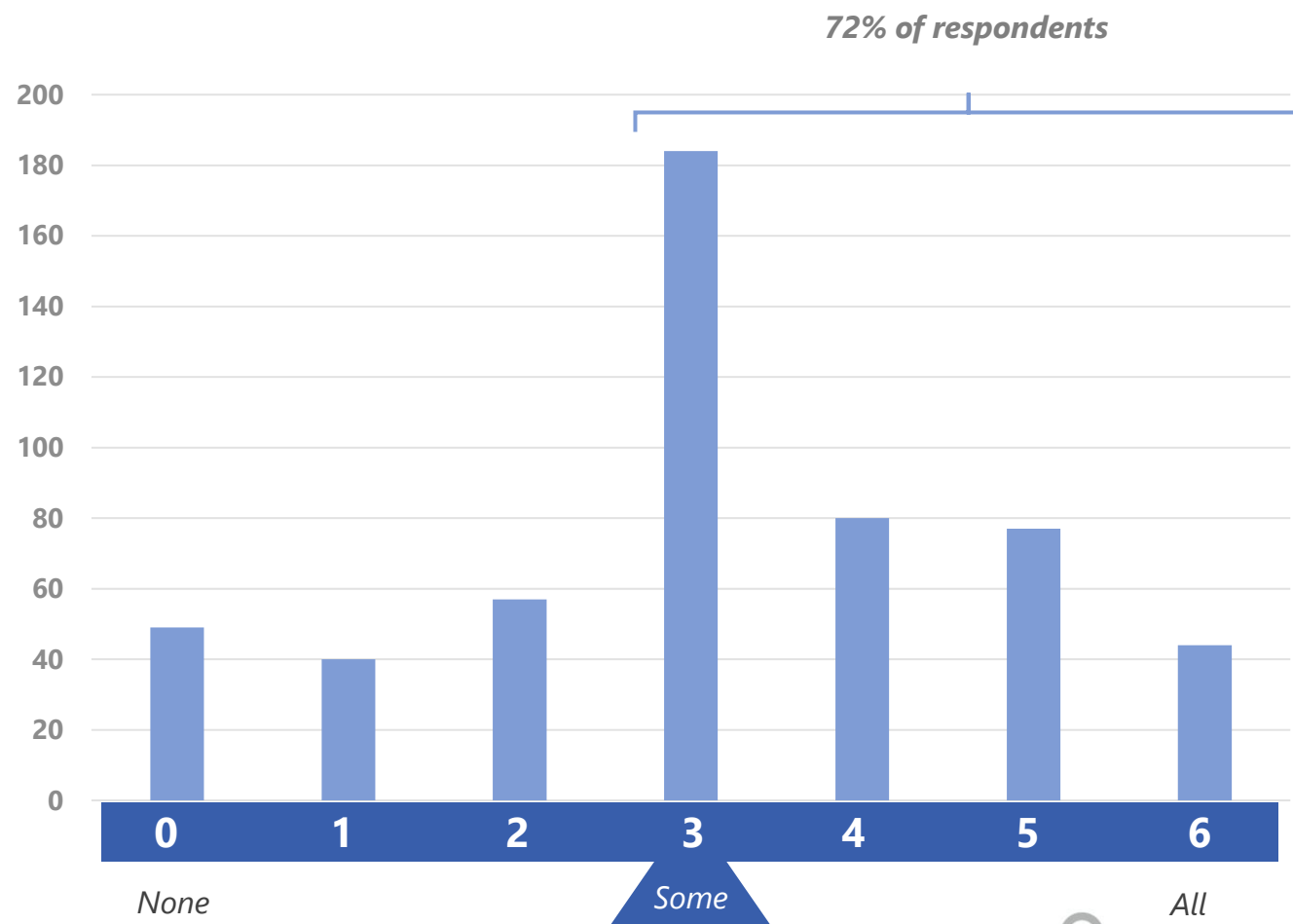


"Other" suggestions include:

- Increase **parking availability**
- Update zoning rules and development permits for **parking and bike/ped infrastructure**
- **Multimodal infrastructure**
- **Transit improvements** (express bus, non-fixed route busses, 11Y)
- **Environmentally** conscious solutions
- **State of good repair**
- Getting to and from **employment** centers
- Encourage **teleworking**
- **Travel training** resources for transit throughout the region

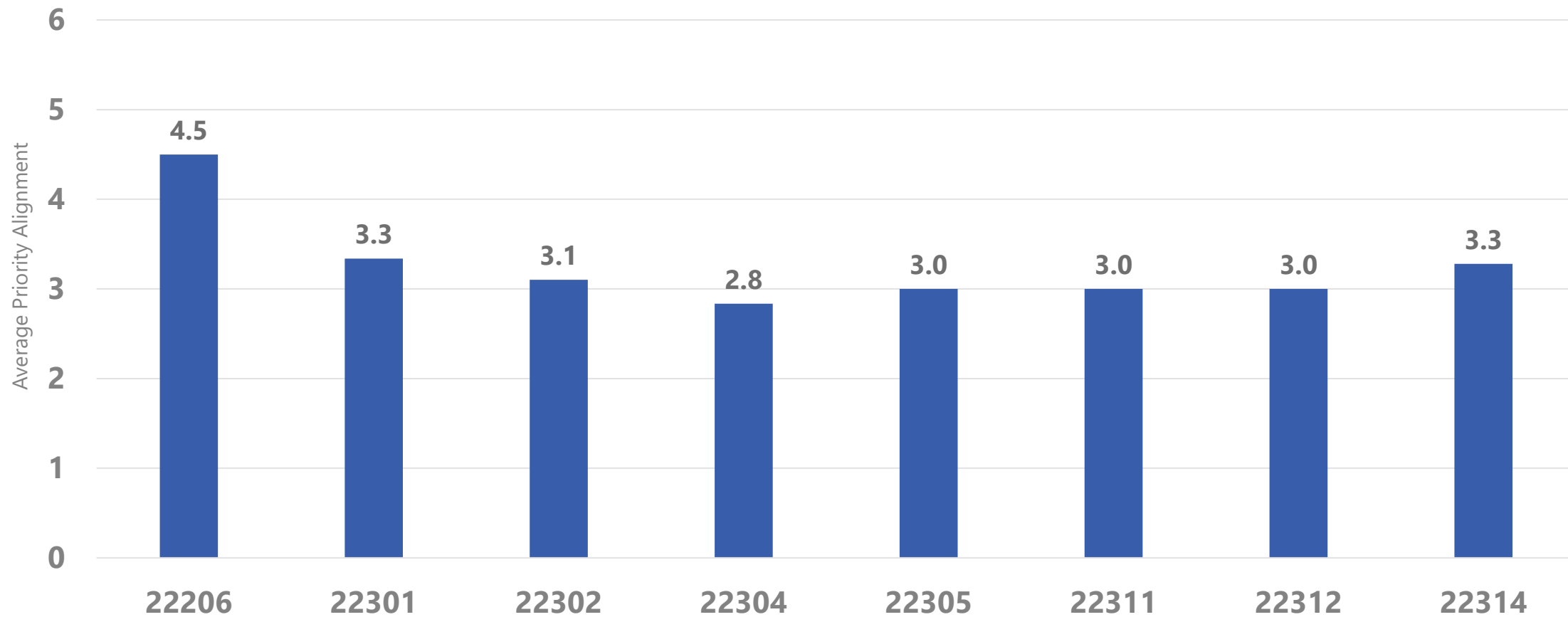


To what extent do the topics mentioned in this feedback form or in your review of the AMP reflect your priorities?



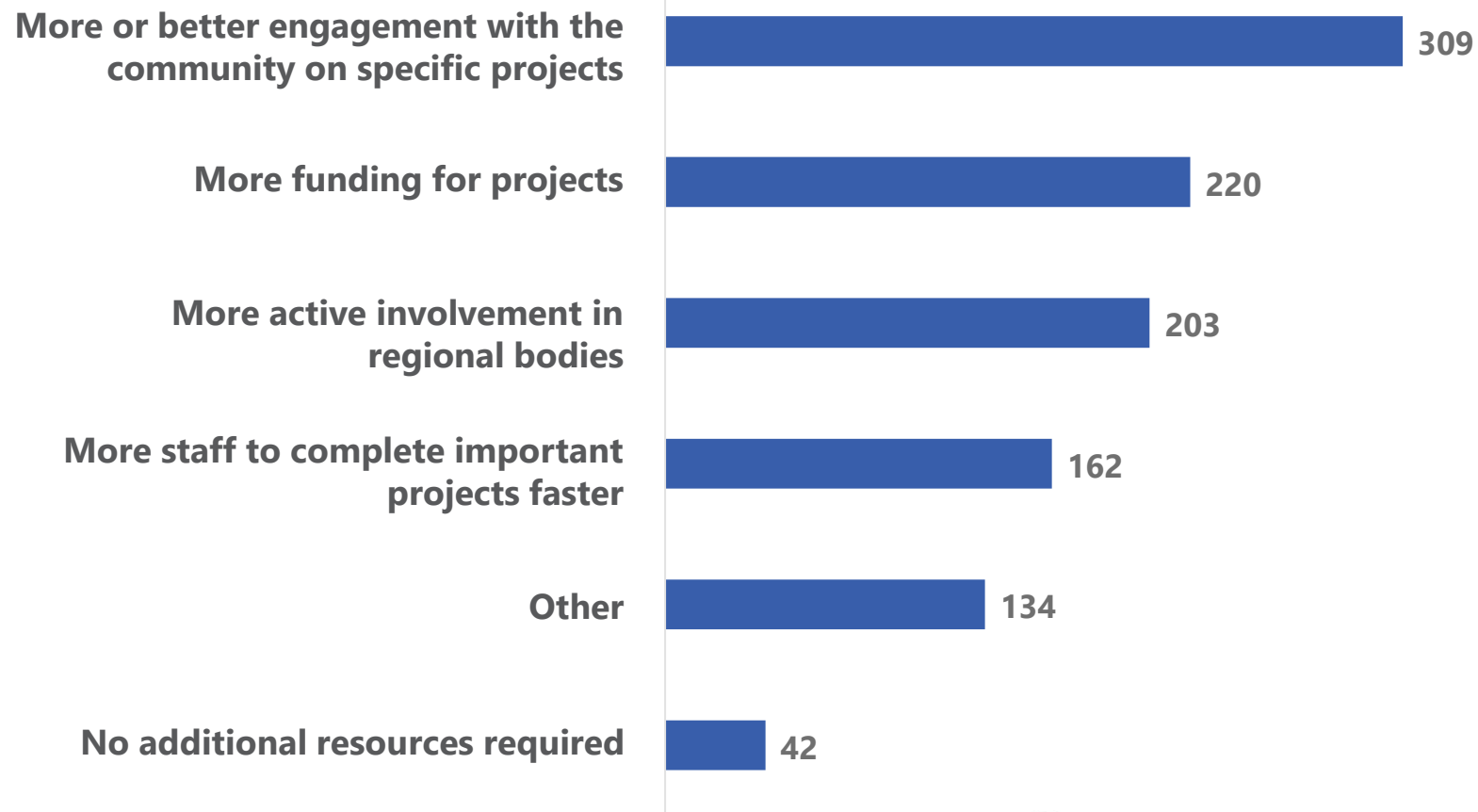
Priority Alignment and Zip Code

(Average by Zip Code)



What would make the AMP more successful?

(select all that apply)



"Other" suggestions include:

➔ **Balanced** and **equitable outreach** to civic associations and neighborhoods

➔ **Engagement** prior to decision-making

➔ **Education** on how to get involved and leverage items in the AMP

➔ Show **cost-benefit** of mode choices

➔ Develop **multidisciplinary implementation teams** with citizens, experts, and teens

➔ **Transparency**



Board/Commission/Verbal Feedback

- Generally positive feedback
- Commission on Aging: Pedestrian safety focus
- Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Desire for better metrics
- Environmental Policy Commission: General support – particularly expanding GoAlex, implementing DASH New Network, integrating new mobility devices
- Traffic and Parking Board: General support
- Eco-City Citizens Academy: Lots of questions; General support

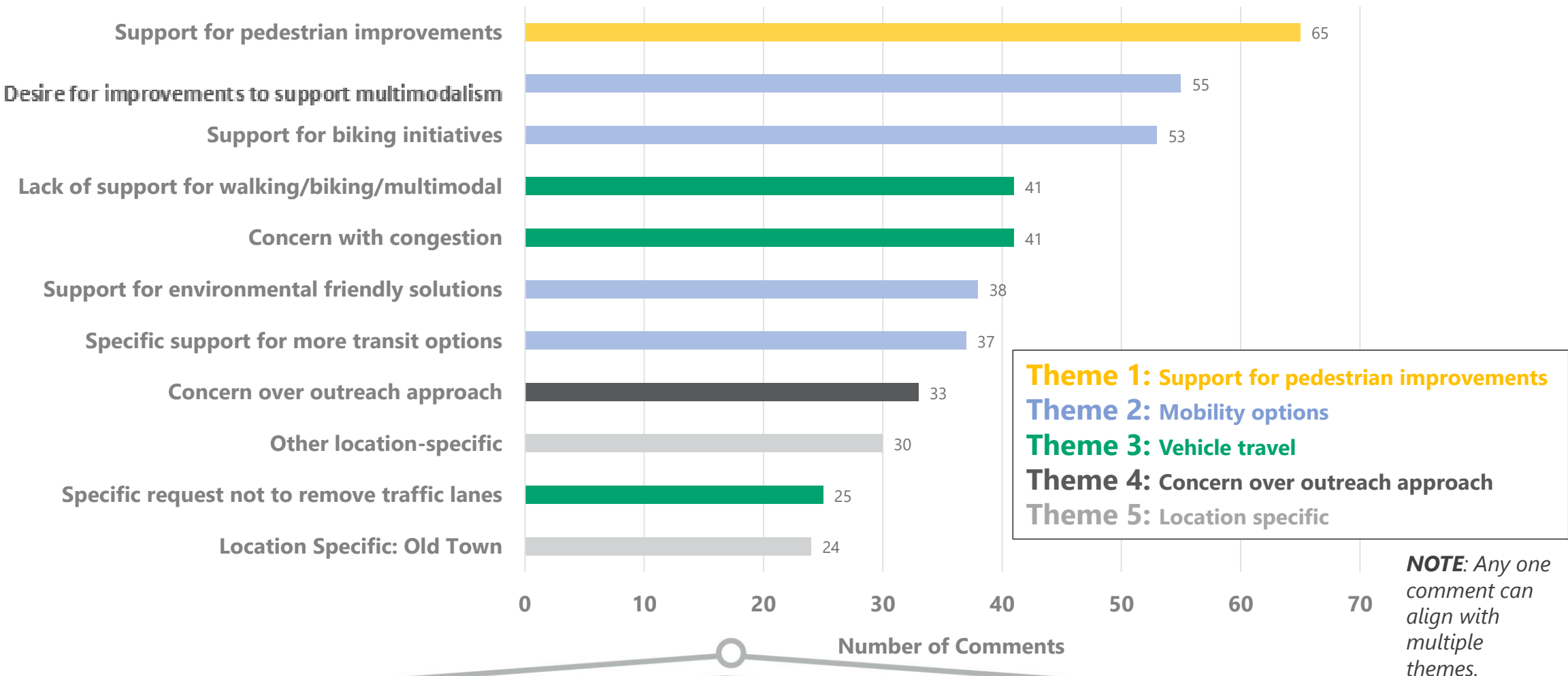
Transportation Commission Hearing & Discussion

- Generally positive feedback
- Reconsider certain metrics
- Be more careful with language
- Include implementation matrix
- Include more detail on monitoring and updating the plan (including ped/bike chapter)
- Include bike/ped maps
- Specific plan edits

Staff is continuing to review feedback and will determine best approach for updating the plan to respond to more specific feedback

Comment Topics – Open Ended Responses (270/545)

Top 10



Open-Response Themes from Feedback Form



Theme 1: Support for pedestrian improvements

- Provide wider and well-maintained sidewalks, safer pedestrian crossings, and infrastructure to enhance safety
- Provide and maintain infrastructure to support travel for all, including young and elderly
- Create enjoyable spaces for pedestrians to increase business, quality of life, and sustainability
- Calls for specific sidewalk widening or connections

Addressing the Theme:

- *Theme is supported by many current AMP strategies*
- *Can prioritize pedestrian improvements in implementation*



Open-Response Themes from Feedback Form



Theme 2: Desire for improvements to support multi-modalism

- Desire to choose any mode of travel depending on purpose and destination including a vehicle
- Emphasize safe and efficient spaces for various types of mobility along or off the roadway (priority lanes, trails, etc.)
- Push for better options that support full range of environmentally friendly transportation solutions (EV's, electric buses, walking, biking and many more)

Addressing the Theme:

- *Theme is foundational to the plan*

Potential Plan Update

- *Add a strategy related to EV charger build out*



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Theme 3: Make traveling via car easier and more convenient

- Reducing congestion and cut-through traffic
- Requests to not remove travel lanes, and in some cases add lanes
- Better and smarter signal timing
- Continuously evaluate bike/bus/vehicle routes to assure the greatest efficiency on each route and avoid unused priority lanes
- Increase residential parking and requiring parking with new developments

Addressing the Theme:

- *Theme is supported by several current AMP strategies and policies*

Potential Plan Updates

- *Expanding Smart Mobility chapter to include specific focus on congestion management*
- *Revisit wording of strategies to ensure those who drive are included*



Open-Response Themes from Feedback Form



Theme 4: Concern with Outreach Approach

- Desire to see greater engagement with civic groups and neighborhoods
- Support for a plan that prioritizes feedback and needs of Alexandrians
- Concern that feedback form questions limited opportunities to share input
- Wish to see higher levels of input from historically underrepresented groups

Addressing the Theme:

- *City will continue to engage with civic groups and neighborhoods to strive for equitable outreach and feedback*
- *As projects move forward there will be additional opportunities for outreach*



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Resource Slides